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Our Case No. 10402/15
U-3253

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Christof Westenfelder)
Serial No. 10/003,352) Examiner Holly Schnizer
Filing Date: November 1, 2001) Group Art Unit No. 1653
For METHOD OF USE OF)
ERYTHROPOIETIN TO TREAT)
ISCHEMIC ACUTE RENAL)
FAILURE)

AMENDMENT

Via Facsimile No. 703/308-4242
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action Dated December 12, 2003, Applicant requests entry of the following amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Application Serial No. 10/003,352
Response filed February 4, 2004

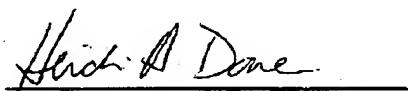
administering a composition comprising EPO prior to the individual developing ischemic acute renal failure as claimed in newly amended claims 1 and 2.

Thus, the Applicant asserts that the claimed invention is not anticipated by Nemoto et al. The Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of claims 2 and 5-7 under 35 USC §102(a) be withdrawn.

SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1-2 and 5-11 as amended are patentable. New claims 12-23 are also patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Serial No. 10/003,352	Filing Date November 1, 2001	Examiner Holy Schnizer	Group Art Unit 1653
Inventor(s) Christof Westenfelder			
Title of Invention METHOD OF USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN TO TREAT ISCHEMIC ACUTE RENAL FAILURE			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith are Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and Amendment.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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